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TO : DIRECTOR

CIA HISTORICAL REVIEW PROGRAM

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FROM : []

SUBJECT: DD/P (L)(1)

INFO : DCI (2), D/DCI (3), SA/PC/DCI (4), WH (PBS)(5-7), WH (8)

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PRIORITY
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TO: (PRITY) SLINC

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RYBAT PBSUCCESS

REF: LINC 4211 (IN 21078), DIR 06138 (OUT 56607)

FOR WHITING FROM SKILLET

1. FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL DETAILS REF INFO:

A. EITHER TWO OR THREE BOMBS OF WATER FILLED PRACTICE TYPE WHICH HAD BEEN LOADED WITH SMALL CHARGE WERE DROPPED FROM UNIDENTIFIED SINGLE-ENGINE AIRCRAFT NEAR RUNWAY AT SAN PEDRO DE COPAN. BOMBS DID EXPLODE MAKING CRATERS THREE FEET WIDE, SIX INCHES DEEP.

B. ANOTHER BOMB, APPROX 250 POUNDS, MINUS FUSE OR FINS, LANDED UNEXPLODED CLOSE TO SAME RUNWAY.

2. VIEW ABOVE, REQUEST LINC, HQS, ADVISE RELIABILITY REPORTS ALFHEM SHIPMENT INCLUDED PRACTICE TYPE BOMBS OF ABOVE DESCRIPTION. PRINCEP RECALLS HAVING HEARD SHIPMENT INCLUDED AA PRACTICE SHELLS OF OBSOLETE TYPE. POSSIBILITY EXISTS OF LINKING ABOVE BOMBS TO ALFHEM SHIPMENT AND SKILLET CAN PASS SUCH STORY TO PRESS IF DESIRED.

3. YOUR EARLY REPLY REQUESTED SINCE PRESS DUE VISIT SCENE BOMBING 24 JUNE.

CABLE SECRETARIAT
COMMENT:

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MR. ESTERLINE, WH, NOTIFIED
OF RECEIPT OF THIS MESSAGE
AT 0130 24 JUNE 54.

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